

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, June 15, 2005 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W020 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Paul Ray

Members Absent:

Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Catherine J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Joy L. Miller, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of related materials can be found at www.leg.utah.gov or by contacting the committee secretary, Joy Miller, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting may also be available from the committee secretary.

1. Committee Business

Chair Last called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Rep. Harper and Rep. Menlove were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Killpack, Rep. Jones, Rep. Litvack, and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

2. Legislative Oversight - Sunset Reviews and Statutory Reports

Ms. Dupont discussed Draft Legislation, "Health and Human Services Sunset and Reporting Amendments." She explained that the bill removes the sunset provisions for certain programs in the Departments of Health and Human Services and reduces some reporting requirements to the Committee.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to adopt Draft Legislation, "Health and Human Services Sunset and Reporting Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

3. FACT Sunset Review

Mr. Andrews gave a presentation on FACT (Families, Agencies, and Communities together for Children and Youth At Risk Act). A copy of the presentation and "A Background Report" were distributed. He reviewed the history of FACT and its status since funding was repealed beginning in FY 2002-03. He reviewed the recommendations made by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst as outlined in "An Evaluation of Effectiveness and Funding Options" which was included in the mailing packet.

Mr. Mike Richardson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Workforce Services, stated

that FACT is a partnership between the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, Office of Education, Administrative Office of the Courts, Department of Workforce Services, and parents. He distributed a "Memorandum of Understanding" that has been adopted by these agencies which addresses the guiding philosophy principles for service delivery. He also distributed and reviewed "Collaborative -- Coordinated Services," a chart which specifies how FACT partners are to coordinate and collaborate to provide services based on the level of need of at-risk children and youth. Mr. Richardson also distributed and discussed "LIC Statewide Summary" which outlines the results of a 2004 survey of how local interagency councils are functioning.

Ms. Jan Ferre, Legislative Coalition for People With Disabilities, explained that site-based FACT programs are located in high-risk schools characterized by high student mobility, high poverty, and the high use of free and reduced lunch.

MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved to postpone action on this program for two months until receiving presentations and recommendations from the departments involved.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to request that the cochairs send a letter to the executive directors of the departments for input and recommendations on FACT. The reports and recommendations would be presented to the Committee in September. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Knudson and Rep. Jones absent for the vote.

4. Tobacco

Ms. Beverly May, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, stated that the Campaign is a privately funded organization established to focus national attention for action in reducing tobacco use among children.

Mr. Danny McGoldrick, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, gave a presentation on smoke free laws that have been adopted in various areas of the country. He commented on the many diseases and deaths that result from second-hand smoke. He noted that restaurant and bar workers are the least protected from secondhand smoke.

Mr. David Spatafore, Capstone Strategies, noted that legislation will be presented later in the year which will include a prohibition on smoking in places such as social clubs and country clubs. He indicated that the Committee will continue to receive data on the number of cities that become smoke free.

5. Medicaid

Mr. Andrews distributed and reviewed "Medicaid Study Outline" which outlines potential topics to be considered this interim as part of the committee's discussion of various Medicaid issues. He also distributed "Medicaid - A Snapshot for State Legislatures" and "A Summary of Medical Assistance Programs in the State of Utah."

Mr. Michael Deily, Division of Health Care Financing, stated Medicaid is a very complex program. He offered his assistance in providing information to the Committee.

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6. Other Business / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.